



News Notes

Base training and education services – Base training and education services is hosting an open house Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 900 Hangar Ave. Featured for the open house will be displays of on-base schools and their programs; skills, abilities and interests surveys; on-line tuition assistance tutorials; CCAF information and counseling; distance learning resources and commissioning, financial aid, and testing information. Free child care, door prizes and refreshments will be provided. For more information call Terry Brown or Lydia Beatty at 449-6363 or 448-0918.

Base library closed – The library will be closed Aug. 30 and 31 for inventory. Sorry for any inconvenience. To contact the library call 449-8289.

Embry-Riddle's October term courses – Embry Riddle is offering 25 undergraduate courses during its Fall term (Oct. 3 to Dec. 12), to include a wide variety of general education, management, safety of flight, and global security and intelligence courses. With two new minor courses of study in occupational safety and health and international relations to complement our existing minors in management, safety, and security and intelligence, Embry-Riddle can meet anyone's educational goals. Two new classes to be offered at Hickam

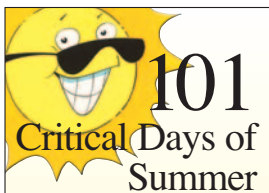
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Safety tip

Don't cut back on safety to increase your margins, for to budget on safety is never a bargain.

Team Hickam recognizes staff sergeant promotees

The complete Team Hickam list was not published in the Aug. 12 issue of the *Kukini*. Here are the other 165 Team Hickam senior airmen to make staff sergeant Aug. 10. We apologize for the oversight and congratulate all of the Team Hickam selectees.

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C-17 simulator arrives

By Betty Squatrito-Martin
 Kukini Staff Writer

Leaders from the 15th Airlift Wing and the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Wing took part in the stand up ceremony for the C-17 Weapons System Trainer, (flight simulator) here Aug. 12.

The C-17 arrived on Hickam aboard a C-17 from Jackson, Miss., and was placed in its new \$7 million home marking the beginning of the integration of the trainer to the building in preparation of the future training of C-17 crews.

According to Lt. Col. Charles Darnell, Deputy Chief of the C-17 program integration, the integration effort will take six to seven months, which will make the simulator operational for training by the time the C-17 arrives here.

"The simulator itself is the major part of training for C-17 crews," said Col. Stanley Osserman, 154th Wing Mission Support Group commander. "Unlike other weapons systems where crews go in the (simulator) once or twice a year for emergency check rides and special procedure training, virtually all the training for the C-17 goes on using training devices and the crew's do very little pure training in the aircraft."

Both active duty and Hawaii Air National Guard C-17 crews will perform training in the simulator, as the C-17 mission is the first Guard Associate flying unit in the Air Force.

The C-17 simulator stand-up marks another milestone toward the



Photo by Michael Dey

Lead System Engineer Bob Luckett pulls off the lator Aug. 12. The simulator was delivered to protective packaging from the new C-17 flight simulator Aug. 12. The simulator was delivered to Hickam's C-17 training facility.

arrival of the C-17 Globemaster III, which is due to arrive here in February 2006.

The simulator is just one of many C-17 facilities that will be operational here. "The C-17 simulator was the first facility that we brought on

board," said Lt. Col. Darnell. "It was deemed the highest priority of the facilities to be accomplished before the C-17 aircraft arrives in February 2006," added Lt. Col. Darnell.

As noted, the simulator will be up and running by February 2006, and

run it will.

"Boeing will be on contract to run the simulator, which will run five days a week, 12 hours a day and will include Guard weekends," said Lt. Col. Darnell.

JPAC deploys to Europe in search of more remains

Two recovery teams and one investigative team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command deployed this week from Hawaii to conduct operations in five European countries to search for or bring home remains of Americans still missing from World War II.

The first recovery team deployed to Germany to conduct recovery operations East of Torgau, Germany and North of Hanover, Germany at two sites. One site is associated with a 1945 loss of a P-38J aircraft, while the other is associated with a 1944 loss of a P-51D aircraft.

The second team will deploy to Hungary to conduct two recovery operations in relation to another P-47D aircraft loss. The team will also excavate a B-24H aircraft loss. Additionally, members of this recovery team will be going to Corsica, France, to recover



Photo by PH2 Eric Benson

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command members deployed to Europe this week. One method they use to search for remains is sifting through screens as seen in the above photo in Laos earlier this year.

remains from a 1944 loss of a B-25 aircraft.

An investigative team will conduct additional operations and possible recoveries in Hungary, Poland, and Luxembourg.

Teams will also exhume several graves purportedly of American service members buried during World War II.

(Courtesy of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.)

Phase I retraining to affect hundreds of NCOs facing new specialties

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – More than 3,000 staff, technical and master sergeants have been identified to receive retraining vulnerability notices under the initial phase of the Air Force's fiscal 2006 noncommissioned officer retraining program.

The retraining program is designed to help balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages. As part of Phase I of the program, scheduled for Aug. 1 to Oct. 14, Air Force officials notified NCOs as vulnerable to retrain.

Officials asked these Airmen to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into or to apply for special duty assignments no later than Oct. 14.

If voluntary measures are

unsuccessful, the Air Staff will implement Phase II, involuntary retraining. In Phase II, individuals identified as vulnerable in Air Force Specialty Codes not meeting retraining-out objectives, and without approved retraining or special duty assignments by Oct. 14, will be involuntarily retrained.

"This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by putting Airmen where they are needed most," said Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe, the noncommissioned officer in charge of enlisted retraining at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Major commands will continue to accept volunteer applications from individuals not identified as vulnerable. Additionally, they will

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Milestone in road to first C-17 arrival

By Col. Bill “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

New people and buildings are popping up everywhere around base. We are just about six months away from the arrival of the first C-17 on Hickam. Anticipation is high and Sky Warriors are making things happen. Today a group of commanders, local dignitaries and other Boeing and Air Force personnel are attending the “MajorJoin” ceremony in the construction of Hickam’s first C-17. She’s getting her wings today when the fuselage and the wings are joined together. As of now you can expect to see her flying in Hawaiian



Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, greets Admiral William Fallon, U.S. Pacific Command commander, during his visit to Hickam Aug 12.

skies in February 2006. This milestone puts us on the doorstep of many firsts for the Air Force: first C-17 squadron outside the continental United States, first joint mission with an Air National Guard unit, and it also represents a significant change to the everyday mission going on here at Hickam.

And as you read on the front page, Aug. 12 we received the C-17 simulator that will train and keep current all the pilots who will fly Hickam’s C-17s. This and other buildings are still in the works. The construction will cause some growing pains with possible roadway delays and power interruptions, but I assure you in the end it will all be worth it for Team Hickam. Also on Aug. 12 Admiral William Fallon, U. S. Pacific Command commander, visited the base and had a chance to see the C-17 campus and the Kenney Warfighting Headquarters. He was impressed with the work we’re doing and looks forward to coming back

when we’re up and running. As you know, Fit to Fight is now a way of life for the Air Force. Our Physical Training Leaders and Unit Fitness Monitors around base are doing a great job. One of our PTLs 2nd Lt. Geoffrey Levine, 15th Contracting Squadron, is really making great strides. He has put together a training program with a wide variety of workouts for all ability levels. His squadron’s program has a noticeable focus on running, which as we all know accounts for a big portion of the fitness test scoring and the area many people find the hardest. He has created a progressive program and the scores for contracting are

reflecting the impact. Keep those running shoes going 15 CONS! Another Sky Warrior doing a lot of running on the job is Staff Sgt. Tim Lane, 15th Communication Squadron. Sergeant Lane administers mission qualification exams to unit personnel that certify computer network professionals. He is also the unit’s workgroup manager and relocated the training center to create a professional environment. The sergeant even has the duties to be an EET member during base exercises. Tim keep up the outstanding Sky Warrior excellence. As always, have a great weekend, look out for each other and be safe.

Safety again - Because too many lives have been lost

By Col. Jacqueline Walsh
692nd Intelligence Group Commander

Yes, it’s another article on safety. Commanders will use any forum to drumbeat safety. Why? Because you are important to us, our Air Force, our country and to all those who love you. We are in the final days of the 101 days of summer. The Air Force continues its intense focus on safety. All commanders, from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force down to squadron commanders, routinely and frequently emphasize safety to their people. Tremendous hours and resources across the Air Force are dedicated to keeping you safe, educating you on safety and giving you the tools to be safe. Yet, with all this effort, 26 Air Force members have died in these 101 days of summer. That is five more precious lives than this time last year and summer is not over yet. I thought I’d take a different approach to emphasize our Air Force’s focus on safety. I want to focus on what happens when a member dies from a commander’s perspective. First, the commander must gather the facts: who died, when, where, how and why. Who are the

survivors; did the member have a will; who was at fault; how could the death have been prevented; etc? Simultaneously, he must brace the unit for the news of a death and arrange for the care of those most affected by the death. The commander will always take a member’s death personally. But for the initial days, he must put aside emotion and care for the living, which is very difficult to do. While I was attending the group commander’s course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., earlier this year, we had two blocks of instruction to teach us our responsibilities when we have a death in the unit. The first focused on a deployment death and the second was a suicide that occurred during the course. Although neither death was a result of a safety error, I highlight these to demonstrate the energy and resources the Air Force dedicates to such a situation regardless of how it happened. Most of the actions and responses would be the same if these individuals died as a result of a vehicle or water related accident. Regarding the first death, the chaplain brought in a spouse of an Air Force member who died as a result of enemy action. She gave her per-

spective of how the commander and the unit moved mountains to not only help her through her time of grief, but also helped the unit through their grief. She had nothing but praise for the commander, helping agencies and the unit. She emphasized how the commander put himself totally at her disposal. She realized what it meant to be part of the Air Force family. How she got through her briefing I don’t know, but we were all grateful for her insight and her courage. She thanked us for what we do and in advance for what we will do, should a member of our unit pass away. We all privately prayed we’d live up to that standard should the time come. The second, as I mentioned, was a suicide. Monday morning the wing commander came to the class and announced that an officer in his wing killed herself the previous night. He wanted to take 30 minutes to share with us what was going through his mind, all the actions he had set in place and the things he had yet to do. Already, he was thinking, “How could I have prevented this?” He, very professionally, walked us through the first hours, gathering the facts, dealing with the extended family, working with the local and base helping agencies. I was struck by

how much energy and resources were quickly put into motion to properly take care of the situation. For each of those 26 Air Force members who died this summer, that same energy and those resources are put into play for their accidental deaths. But there’s more. About two months after their deaths, commanders will brief the circumstances of each death to their Major Command commander, the MAJCOM senior staff, and all the commanders in the MAJCOM. They will brief everything the member did 48 hours prior to the death (who the member talked to, what was said, where he went, marital issues, relationship issues, etc.). Then he will brief the member’s medical record ... were drugs involved, alcohol, any medical (psychological or physical) issues. Of course the member’s professional record is also scrubbed. The good, bad and ugly are briefed to the audience. The entire personal, private and professional life of that member is briefed in order to give everyone as complete an understanding as possible of that individual and the circumstances surrounding his death. The commander will brief all immediate and follow-on actions he took as well as any ongoing actions for the

survivors. Finally, the commander, based on all the researched information, will brief what contributed to the death and actions he is personally taking to prevent a future occurrence. Then it’s opened up for questions, which can be intense, especially if the commander did not fulfill his responsibility as the senior safety officer of the unit. My goal was to give you a different perspective on the energy and resources our Air Force family commits to safety. Safety is a leadership responsibility, but more importantly, it is an individual responsibility. More than 18 deaths this summer were junior enlisted troops. In six of the deaths, the members were not wearing a seatbelt or did not wear motorcycle protective gear. How many of these deaths could have been prevented had they taken safety seriously? Could the commander have done more? Could members’ buddies have done more? Could the member have done more? Meanwhile, the respective commanders are preparing their briefings and putting together lessons learned to try and prevent this from happening again. Why? Because you are important to us, the Air Force, the country and to those who love you.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It’s your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It’s only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander’s Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996.

Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Dishwasher 911

Comment: We called Hickam Community Housing June 24, about a problem with our dishwasher as the entire top rack collapsed. It has been worked on before and this was the fifth time we called it in. They said they could not come out until June 28, and I asked to talk to a supervisor. However, the supervisor was out to lunch and I was informed they would return around 2 or 2:30 p.m. I called again at 3 p.m. and walked over there at 3:30 p.m., they were still not in. Finally, I received a call at 4 p.m. and was told this was not considered an emergency. I said there should be some kind of priority if you called in this many times. Also, last week, they tore our swimming pool up with either a lawnmower or weed eater, and we have

not been compensated for that. My husband took the receipt over to HCH and was told the grounds contractor was out of town and would assess the claim for the pool upon his return. We do not feel that we should have to go this long without the dishwasher either being repaired or replaced and would greatly appreciate if you would look into this matter and find some answers for me. Thank you very much.

Response: Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. I apologize for your inconvenience. When you called, HCH was in the middle of transitioning your house from military family housing to privatized housing and dropped the ball. It is my understanding that the dishwasher has been replaced and that the issue with regard to the damaged pool has been resolved. This isn't the Team Hickam standard of service, and I appreciate your patience.

Hickam Diamond Tips

Authorized purses
Plain black, vinyl with fold-over flap and plain silver-colored clasp fastener for issue handbags. Plain black leather or vinyl without ornamentation, with or without plain fold-over flap, with or without single-placed silver or gold-colored clasp. May have adjustable shoulder strap (not straps) with or without buckles. May be patent leather or high gloss not to exceed 13 x 9 x 4 1/2 inches deep for optional leather handbags.

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449-6373
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449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

Hickam Voices

What career field do you think is the most underappreciated?



Air traffic control is a very demanding career field, populated almost entirely by entry-level junior enlisted members with long hours, weekend duty, with the lives of the aircrew in their hands. Thanks from all the aviators out there.
Col. Carey Stegall
Pacific Air Forces



Security forces. They have a lot more action in Iraq and Afghanistan. They're definitely heavily tasked.
Master Sgt. Cassius Pierce
15th Airlift Wing



Security forces have a tough job. They work long hours and are short manned.
Master Sgt. Phillip Coward
15th Airlift Wing



Air traffic control. They have a stressful job. People just don't know how hard they work.
Tech. Sgt. James Love
502nd Air Operations Squadron



Weather forecasters are underappreciated. They have to work rotating shifts and manage all their appointments and training on their own time. War Fighters only have to out guess their opponents , while weather forecasts have to out guess Mother Nature.
Staff Sgt. Betty Squatrito-Martin
154th Wing



Services and security forces. They all work hard.
Airman Valerio Soriano
Pacific Air Forces

Next week's question (for deployed):
After the joys of inprocessing, what are you looking forward to most when you get back to Hickam?

Hickam Airman goes on hunt for stray alert signal

By Bette Squatrito-Martin
Kukini Staff Writer

The United States Coast Guard out of Barber's Point responded to yet another call for help as a result of an alert displayed by the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue Satellite System. The alarm was generated somewhere near Wake Island.

It was just one of an inordinately large number of alarms the U.S. Coast Guard had responded to near Wake Island during the past several months. In fact, the search and rescue alarm signaled from Wake Island had become a seemingly daily event, and each time the U.S. Coast Guard responded, it found itself on a wild goose chase.

In an effort to determine the source of the false alarms that were being triggered near Wake Island by the SARSAT, the U.S. Coast Guard, through U.S. Pacific Command, requested Joint Spectrum Center assistance.

Mel Roberts, Ed Rocksvold and Senior Airman Joshua Buckwalter, 15th Communications Squadron, formed the JSC team that responded to the U.S. Coast Guard's call for help.

Prior to leaving for Wake Island, Airman Buckwalter built an antenna out of a tape measure to use to detect spurious emissions. Building antennas is nothing new for Airman Buckwalter, rather it is a bit of a hobby. According to Airman Buckwalter, building antennas, chasing down spurious emissions and finding hidden transmitters is nothing but a "fox hunt."

The JSC team took its "fox hunt" to Wake Island. They left Barbers Point Coast Guard Air Station July 1 and arrived on Wake Island July 2.

The first order of the day was to install a computer program that would allow a receiver to interface with a computer and listen to all frequencies in the vicinity. Initially the JSC team tried to set up their computer system at the Wake Island air traffic control terminal. However, the ATC transmitter caused the receiver to overload, which led them to relocate their computer sys-



Courtesy photo

Stray alert signal on Wake Island had Coast Guard and others baffled.

“Senior Airman Buckwalter did a fantastic job nailing down the interference and with a home-made antenna no less.”

Capt. Ryan Stalnaker
15th Communications Squadron Mission Systems Flight

tem to lodging.

"I drove around with a scanner and my antenna and discovered a weak signal at 121.5 hertz (the frequency range of the SARSAT) from what was a church," said Airman Buckwalter.

Once Airman Buckwalter discovered the spurious transmission, the JSC team put on it's detective hat and headed in the direction of the weak signal.

They found an antenna tower approximately 25 feet high, with five turnstile-type polarized antennas. One of the antennas belonged to an FM radio station that was emitting spurious transmissions in the frequency range of the SARSAT.

"On the second day we

checked the transmitter with expensive equipment and verified the problem," said Airman Buckwalter. "We performed on and off tests of the transmitters, which confirmed that the transmitters were emitting energy on several frequencies."

Eventually the JSC team discovered a high capacity compact disc changer that was set to run through the night; however, instead of running all night, it would shut off after it had run through its library. However, although the CD changer turned off, the FM transmitter continued to broadcast. The transmitter would send a carrier with no noise, so the satellite did not hear the FM frequency, consequently the satellite thought it was receiving an emergency beacon, said Airman Buckwalter. Hence the U.S. Coast Guard receiving false alarms and being sent on wild goose chases.

Once the faulty transmitter was discovered, a meeting between the communications manager for Wake Island, the Wake Island Radio and Television Service team and the JSC team was held. They agreed to look at the spurious emissions from the faulty transmitter. A number of spurious emissions were observed including one that was at the frequency of the U.S. Coast Guard's satellite system.

According to Airman

Buckwalter, the troubleshooting team found that the modulator from the faulty transmitter was produced by a different company than those modulators that did not have spurious emissions. The JSC team, WIRTS and the Wake Island communications manager agreed to turn off the faulty transmitter until a replacement modulator could be obtained and installed.

The JSC team continued to look for other faulty signals on Wake Island; but, they were unable to detect any other signals that could impact the frequency of the U.S. Coast Guard's SARSAT.

The Coast Guard ordeal had come to an end.

"Senior Airman Buckwalter did a fantastic job nailing down the interference and with a home-made antenna no less," said Capt. Ryan Stalnaker, 15th Mission Systems flight commander. "I know it had been a concern of the Coast Guard, not to mention a drain on resources, for quite some time. I'm sure they are (the Coast Guard) very appreciative."

According to Airman Buckwalter, the Coast Guard's 14th District in Honolulu has not reported an alarm signal from Wake Island since the transmitter was turned off. It could be said that the JSC team found their fox.

Negative effects of smoking not deterring members

By Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The lung cancer death of broadcasting legend Peter Jennings, an admitted long-time smoker, has again brought smoking and its dangers to the forefront of public consciousness.

While an estimated 25 percent of Americans smoke, the military's numbers hover at 34 percent, according to Col. Gerald Wayne Talcott with the Air Force Medical Support Agency, in Falls Church, Va. That's an increase of 4 percent for the military since 2002.

"We do have a higher prevalence of smoking for our youngest people in the military," Talcott said. "Now, if you look at officers, that's not the case. But for our youngest members, that's our E-1s through E-4s, the overall prevalence is a little bit

higher than the national average." "It's a good suspicion" that the war is a factor in the increase of military smokers, he added.

Servicemembers who smoke often claim it's a stress reliever. Talcott said that might be true, but only for people who already are addicted. Before addiction occurs, smoking actually increases stress on the body, he explained.

Smokers may see their habit as a personal risk, but it affects force readiness, Talcott said. Even among smokers who have no ongoing diseases related to smoking, it impairs night vision, weakens the immune system and can lengthen healing time. Smokers also may have more frequent upper-respiratory ailments.

Tobacco use also affects families, the colonel said.

"We have a lot of young people that are just starting families," Talcott said. "It has an impact on

those young children as well. If you're smoking around them, their risk for upper respiratory infections goes up as well."

Smoking is a deceptive risk for younger people, since they don't necessarily feel the immediate ramifications. But, if a smoker quits, as more than 50 percent of Defense Department personnel who smoke have expressed a desire to do, there are benefits to be reaped.

"Your body has a very recuperative ability," Talcott said. "We have a very young population, so the sooner you quit and the less amount of time you smoke, the faster your body repairs itself. Within 10 to 15 years (of quitting smoking) your risk for cancer, if you quit early enough, is the almost the same as it would be for a nonsmoker."

Servicemembers have multiple excuses for not quitting. The fear of failure or a failed first attempt often

keeps smokers from trying to quit again, Talcott said. However, he said, a failure does not mean that a second, or even a third, attempt is going to fail.

"You aren't always successful the first time," he said. "What we know is that it seems like the more people try to quit, the more likely they are to quit successfully."

Some smokers, especially women, are afraid to kick the smoking habit out of fear that they will gain weight. That's not a good enough excuse, Talcott said. A person would have to gain 100 pounds to equal the negative health effects of continued smoking, he said.

Nor is the weight-gain theory necessarily true. Among recruits in basic training — where smoking is disallowed, meals are controlled and exercise is a must — there is virtually no weight gain, Talcott said.

Help is available for those who wish to quit but think they need help. DoD offers smoking cessation classes in nearly all medical treatment facilities, and nicotine-replacement therapies are available.

DoD also is working with primary care physicians to help them spot tobacco use early and provide messages about quitting. The Tricare Web site, www.tricare.osd.mil, also offers information on why kicking the habit is a good idea and how to quit.

The military also is working to make smoking less attractive by hitting servicemembers who smoke in the wallet. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is restricted to discounting tobacco products no more than five percent below what they would cost outside a military installation. This is a change from deeper discounts that were once offered, officials said.

Fraternization spoils morale

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Fraternization is an observable defiance of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

Defined by the manual for courts-martial, fraternization is a personal relationship between an officer and an enlisted member that violates the customary bounds of acceptable behavior in the Air Force and prejudices good order and discipline, discredits the armed services, or operates to the personal disgrace or dishonor of the officer involved.

The custom recognizes that officers will not form personal relationships with enlisted members on terms of military equality, whether on or off-duty.

This includes male relationships, female relationships and male to female relationships.

“People always come to us and say they can’t prove anything. They cannot prove that the officer favored me or that my senior enlisted person favored me at all,” said Capt. Kirstin Coccoaro of Hickam’s Area Defense Council.

“They don’t have to prove that. All they have to do is prove there is a perception. It is impossible to fight a perception,” she continued.

All Air Force servicemembers share the responsibility for maintaining professional relationships, but the senior member bears primary responsibility for maintaining the professionalism of that relationship.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Fraternization is an observable defiance of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice and can lead to a court-martial.

“It’s all about good order and discipline. It just doesn’t create a good atmosphere; morale goes way down when you do stuff like that,” voiced Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Breton, ADC’s paralegal. “Morale always suffers if there is a problem or a perceived problem.”

The underlying standard is Air Force servicemembers are expected to avoid those relationships that negatively affect morale, respect for authority, discipline and unit organization.

The Air Force fraternization policy is contained under Air Force Instruction 36-2909, Professional and U n p r o f e s s i o n a l Relationships. A professional relationship is one that contributes to the effective operation of the Air Force.

Fraternization is specifically only one form of an unprofessional relationship.

Unprofessional relationships are those interpersonal

relationships that diminish authority, unit organization, order, discipline and eventually mission success.

“There is no single, ‘one size fits all’ response to an unprofessional relationship,” says Sergeant Breton. Each case is different, depending on the nature of the misconduct and its impact on good order and discipline, as well as the age, grade and experience of the individual involved.”

Fraternization can be very damaging and resulting charges can range from an administrative letter of reprimand to a more extreme article 15 up to a court-martial.

For every crime or misconduct, the punishment the person receives is based on many different factors, said Sergeant Breton. “The commander should take the whole person concept into consideration.”

A servicemember can easily avoid all of this by remem-

bering two highly acceptable wisdoms, don’t date the boss or become best friends with them. A boss can be an immediate supervisor all the way to a superior.

“An example of an unprofessional relationship would be an officer putting in all kinds of awards packages for an individual that may not deserve the recognition,” said Capt. Coccoaro. “If you can show actual favoritism, it is going to be a lot harsher punishment.”

“It ranges from a pure perception, where this might be your not acting appropriately ... to actually doing things physically that changes someone’s career that is going to be a lot harsher,” she continued.

Mainly the ADC deals with those gray areas of unprofessional relationships and not so much on fraternization.

“We have more of a problem with the unprofessional relationships. Where people come in and say I don’t understand this, he never favored me, and he is not in my chain of command. Why are they giving us a hard time,” said the Captain.

If the boundaries still seem unclear read AFI 36-2909 at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/pubfiles/af/36/afi36-2909/afi36-2909.pdf> regarding fraternization.

“Most of the time officers and enlisted know very well, they keep the correct boundaries very well. We don’t necessarily have such a problem with fraternization; it is pretty black and white,” said Capt. Coccoaro.

Podcasting a first for Air Force radio news

By Tech. Sgt.
J.C. Woodring
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO – For the first time, the Air Force is using the Internet and digital technology to podcast its radio news.

Podcasts are broadcasts of Internet audio programs, usually in an MP3 format. People can then subscribe to receive the audio files. Many commercial content providers offer free podcast feeds that deliver the audio to subscriber’s desktops.

“We’re excited that Airmen, civilians and their families can now hear our daily updates whenever and wherever they want,” said Tech. Sgt. Ryan Hoke, of the broadcasting service. “The Air Force News team works hard to make sure the information in ‘Around the Air Force’ is useful to our audience. Now it’s much easier to get to as well.”

Podcasting has a subscrip-

tion model which uses a feed to deliver an enclosed file. Listeners can subscribe to feeds using software that periodically checks for and downloads new content automatically.

“Podcasts are quickly becoming more and more popular for one simple reason: convenience,” said Leslie Benito, Air Force Public Web branch chief. “Podcasts offer them the ability to listen to those shows whenever and wherever is convenient for them.”

“Any digital audio player or computer with audio-playing software can play podcasts,” he said.

People without a podcasting background can read detailed listening instructions online at www.af.mil/podcast.

Once the podcasting software has been installed, users can add the Air Force podcast feed located at www.af.mil/media/podcast/afadionews.xml.

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encourage all eligible NCOs to consider special duty assignments such as recruiting, military training instructors, first sergeant duty or professional military education instructors, Sergeant Johnson-Roscoe said.

“Now is the time for those who have been identified for possible retraining to volunteer,” said Chief Master Sgt. Terry Reed, chief of AFPC’s Skills

Management branch. “It’s up to each Airman, but if it were me, I’d think having control over my career would be a priority.”

Vulnerability listings by grade and AFSC were posted on AFPC’s web site Aug. 1 and will be updated weekly. To view the list, Airmen can login to the AFPC Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/> and click on the retraining link.

Survey cards mean Federal aid

Hawaii’s public school students will bring home a Federal census survey card Sept. 7, to be filled out by parents and returned to school the following day. It is extremely important to complete the Federal survey cards and return them promptly to the child’s school.

The data collected from these forms, and turned into the Federal Department of Education, determines the funding received by the Hawaii Department of Education.

Impact Aid is the Department of Education program that provides payments for a portion of the educational costs of federally connected students. It is intended to replace the tax revenues lost to a community by the

double impact of having non-taxable Federal property.

Impact Aid is the only Federal education program where the funds are sent directly to the school district. Parents should keep in mind that Hawaii is a one-district school system. The funds go directly into the school district’s general fund for operations such as purchase of textbooks, computers, utilities, and payment of staff salaries.

Additional local impact of Federal funds

Federal survey card results are the only official, current method to determine the military dependent population in a school. Aside from determining the amount of Impact Aid a school dis-

trict will receive, military dependent population statistics also determine school eligibility for Joint Venture Education Forum funds, in particular textbook, technology, and repair and maintenance funds. The larger the military dependent population, the higher the school ranking on the fund eligibility list. These funds will go directly to the students’ schools. For more information about Joint Venture Education Forum funding visit: <http://www.pacom.mil/jveffunding.shtml>.

Parents are encouraged to return the completed cards promptly. Non-response could result in the loss of millions of dollars in Federal funds that benefit both the military and local communities.



Two detained at BX

Two military family members were detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$60.23

Barment on base

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about a military family member in violation of her barment from base.

Security forces responded and apprehended the individual. The military family member’s friend was also apprehended for disorderly conduct.

Two caught shoplifting

A military family member and a civilian

with no military affiliation were detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$205.

Hickam gym theft

A retired military member notified security forces about his mp3 player and \$40 in cash being stolen from the Hickam Fitness Center locker room. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$460.

Locker room theft

An Air National Guard member notified security forces about his cellular phone, lighter, cigarettes and \$50 in cash being stolen from the Hickam Fitness Center locker room. Total cost of stolen merchandise \$461.

Shoplifter detained

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$49.95.

Shoplifting

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$194.

New options for members health care

Extended Care Health Option, a supplemental Tricare program, provides financial assistance to eligible active-duty family members who have a qualifying mental or physical disability. The program offers services and supplies beyond the basic Tricare benefits covered in Prime, Extra and Standard.

The ECHO benefit also provides a monthly government cost share of \$2,500 per eligible family member, a \$1,500 increase over the Program for Persons with Disabilities' cost share. Additionally, some beneficiaries may qualify for ECHO Home Health Care. EHHC provides medically-necessary skilled services to eligible homebound beneficiaries.

Active-duty family members currently covered by the Custodial Care Transition Policy upon ECHO implementation Sept. 1, and who need skilled medical services that exceed the levels offered

through EHHC, may continue to receive coverage under CCTP, as long as it is necessary. Annual assessments will be conducted to ensure beneficiaries are receiving the care and services needed.

Eligibility

Tricare ECHO is only available to active-duty family members who are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program, registered in ECHO and have a qualifying condition:

- Moderate or severe mental retardation;
- A serious physical disability; or
- An extraordinary physical or psychological condition of such complexity that the beneficiary is homebound.

Multiple disabilities involving two or more separate body systems may result in a qualifying condition determination.

The beneficiary's attending physician or primary care

manager is responsible for determining if services are needed beyond those offered through basic Tricare programs. PCMs must also provide medical documentation to support the determination that the beneficiary has a qualifying condition. Additionally, health care services must also be provided by Tricare-authorized providers, or, in the case of educational services, by state-licensed or authorized providers.

Tricare-eligible dependents of active duty service members may qualify for ECHO benefits past age 21 if:

- Enrolled in an institution of higher learning that offers an associate or higher degree;
- The dependent is incapable of self support because of a mental or physical incapacity; and
- The sponsor provides more than one-half of the dependent's support

Tricare eligibility must be reflected in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System in order to continue receiving ECHO benefits.

Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment

It is important for sponsors to enroll in their Exceptional Family Member Program to ensure their family members can receive the best care possible at their existing and future duty assignments. By enrolling in the EFMP, the active-duty service member's personnel office will try to assign them to installations that can support their family members with the special medical and/or educational needs they require.

However, if ADSMs are required for duty at unaccompanied locations based on the needs of their Service, family members may stay at their present location to continue receipt of ECHO benefits.

Eligible beneficiaries must complete a DD Form 2792 (medical summary) and/or DD form 2792-1 (special education/early intervention summary) and submit the form(s) to their exceptional family member coordinator to enroll in their Service-specific EFMP.

Once enrolled in EFMP, sponsors do not have to re-enroll if their duty assignment changes. Their EFMP status will automatically transfer to the new region.

ECHO Registration

Sponsors must provide evidence of enrollment in EFMP to their regional contractor to be registered in ECHO. To determine if an ADFM qualifies for ECHO, beneficiaries should contact their Tricare regional contractor or their military treatment facility's special needs coordinator. Tricare ECHO requires all eligible beneficiaries to enroll in the EFMP of their sponsor's military serv-

ice, and to register with their regional contractor or Overseas Tricare Area Office to obtain ECHO benefit authorization.

Family members who accompany their sponsor to a new duty assignment are still registered in ECHO. Upon arrival to the new assignment, ECHO families should contact their regional contractor to discuss case management and coordination of care.

Eligible beneficiaries may be granted provisional ECHO status for a period of no more than 90 days until they are enrolled in EFMP and registered with their regional contractor or Overseas TAO.

Upon completion of the ECHO registration process, the provisional status will be converted to permanent. If the beneficiary is found ineligible for ECHO, the provisional status will be terminated.

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U.S., Russia strengthening ties through air show

ZHUKOVSKY, Russia (AFPN) – When it comes to forging bonds and strengthening relationships, it seems that the U.S. and Russia have gotten the hang of it.

About 100 U.S. service-members and eight U.S. aircraft are playing an active part in the Moscow International Aviation and Space Salon from Aug. 16 to 21 at Ramenskoye Airfield. If the reaction from Sofia Saakyants is any indication, the American presence at the show is being well received.

“I like the American aircraft and the people — (them being) here is wonderful,” said Ms. Saakyants, a member of the Russian Emercom Ministry of Emergency Response. “It’s very important (they’re) here. Ever since the Cold War ended and our two countries have been talking ... it’s much better. I think it’s important that we be friends.”

The United States first displayed military aircraft at the Moscow air show in 2003, and in 2001 the Department of Defense participated with a technology booth. However,

Air surveillance



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nelson Jr.)

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska -- Staff Sgt. Andres Reeve pulls a top pin out from under an F-15 Eagle during Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 05 here Aug. 15. The exercise assembles an integrated federal, state and local capability of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery for extreme events including terrorism. Sergeant Reeve is a crew chief with the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

that does not mean the uniqueness to see U.S. servicemembers here has worn off.

American aircraft showcased during the air show include the F-15E Strike Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, KC-10, KC-135 Stratotanker and the B-1B Lancer. The B-1B will perform daily aerial demonstrations beginning Aug. 18. *(Story by Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs)*

First Air Force Stryker unit deploys to Iraq

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFPN) — The first Air Force Stryker unit marked its first deployment with the high-tech Army vehicle when it departed here Aug. 14 for Iraq.

About 20 Airmen from the

3rd Air Support Operations Squadron deployed with the Army’s 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, both stationed at nearby Fort Wainwright.

“Our guys are ready and they’re focused,” said Lt. Col. Russell Smith, 3rd ASOS commander. “We’re deploying with the Stryker brigade and I’d say this is a great partnership. We’re truly a part of one team.”

The 3rd ASOS serves as the primary air liaison between the Army and Air Force during ground operations. The squadron became the first Air Force unit to receive the Stryker in May at the Army’s Joint Training Center at Fort Polk, La., where training continued in preparation for the Iraq deployment.

“Having the Strykers will help us by improving our capability and survivability during fast-paced ground operations,” Colonel Smith said of the 3rd ASOS transition from Humvees to the same Stryker vehicle used by its Army partners.

Not only will the 3rd ASOS be able to complete the mission more effectively, Colonel Smith said, but they will benchmark techniques and procedures for future operations.

“They are setting the standard on how to do business for years to come,” said Col. Paul Johnson, commander of the 354th Operations Group here to which the 3rd ASOS is assigned. “Stryker vehicles have proven themselves throughout Iraq, and our joint terminal attack controllers will benefit from the same level of protection and firepower as their brethren Soldiers.”

“Special communications and sensor equipment, essential to their unit, have been installed on their vehicles,” Colonel Johnson said. “With these new state-of-the-art vehicles, our 3rd ASOS per-

sonnel will not only fight today’s fight, they will develop the tactics, techniques and procedures our Stryker-equipped Airmen will be using in the future.

“We’re the first Air Force unit to have Strykers and we’re excited to use them in combat,” Colonel Johnson said of the five customized tactical air control party Strykers 3rd ASOS Airmen will use to perform their mission.

The 3rd ASOS will deploy in two rotations of about six months each. *(Story by 1st Lt. Teresa Sullivan, 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)*

AF conducts test of new officer assignment system

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – The Air Force will conduct a test of a continuous officer assignment system for a select group of career fields beginning in September.

The test and validation process, scheduled to begin with assignment actions after Sept. 1, will include officers in the civil engineer career field on the mission support side.

For more information on assignments, officers can visit the Air Force assignments Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas/ or contact their AFPC assignments team. *(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*



Upcoming international tours with services ITT

Want to get out there and see the world? There's no better way to do it than with Hickam Information, Tickets and Travel. The ITT office will handle all the details, right down to getting people to the airport on time, allowing them to experience the most relaxing, enjoyable vacation of a lifetime. Check out these tours offered today: Alaska Cruise (cruise only - Sept. 16 to 25), Southeast Asia Tour (Oct. 16 to 29), New Zealand (Nov. 12 to 20), and Hong Kong (Dec. 4 to 12). Don't spend another year just thinking about that dream vacation ...pick up the phone and call 449-2230 to make it a reality.

Volunteer youth coaches needed

Youth Sports has a need for coaches in youth softball and baseball programs in all age categories. "Volunteers are critical to the success of these programs," said Master Sgt. Ricky Woods, NCOIC of Fitness and sports center operations. Interested volunteers should contact B.J. Bentley at the youth sports office at 448-4492 or 448-6611.

Scrapbook club

New to scrapbooking? Want to meet some new friends or maybe just can't find the time for scrapbooking? The Hickam Community Center has the answer. The scrapbook club will have a scrapbook workshop on Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. There is a fee of \$25 for half day, and \$30 for the full day. The fee includes use of cropping tools and some handouts. The next workshop is scheduled for Oct.

22. Call the community center at 449-3354 for more information.

Artist/craftsman contest

Now is the time to start working on artist/craftsman contest entries for 2005. There are four categories this year: fine arts, industrial arts, textile arts and picture arts. Entries are accepted from all youth and adults starting Sept. 9. For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 449-1568.

Wild windsurfing weekend

Want to learn to harness the wind and the waves plus have a great time doing it? Outdoor Recreation's hosting a windsurfing weekend Saturday and Sunday. Lessons will be held at Hickam Harbor from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The price is \$75 per person and includes two days of instruction and all rental equipment. Class

size is three to 10 people. For more information call outdoor recreation at 449-5215.

Bowling center meal deal

Purchase a mini plate at the Kau Kau Korner Snack Bar and receive a 12 oz. soft drink free. Offer valid Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (except holidays).

Monday nights at JR Rockers

Enjoy JR Rockers tender bender platter or pasta bowl with starter salad and soft drink. Served from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is just 9.95 with a members first discount. Become a club member and take advantage of the incredible savings.

Teen driver's education instruction

The community center's teen driver's education instruction is a six-week class followed by six hours of behind the wheel

instruction. The cost is \$365 for the complete class.

Call the community center at 449-3354 to sign-up to attend the Aug. 27 session.

PACAF Pentathlon offers chance to win

"Venture 2 Victory" by playing the 2005 PACAF Pentathlon. This year is better than ever with over \$30,000 in prizes, trips to Las Vegas (Hawaii for non-Hawaii residents), cash prizes and a brand new Harley Davidson Sportster. People can only get their game pieces from a Services activity, so venture to www.pacfive.com or www.hickamservices.com for a complete listing of ways to earn a chance to win.

FREE junior golf clinic

Mamala Bay Golf Course is offering a free introduction to golf clinic Aug. 26. Interested juniors may sign up by emailing [thomas.stanfill@hick-](mailto:thomas.stanfill@hickam.af.mil)

am.af.mil or call 449-2047.

Officers' club games night

The officers' club games night is offered every Wednesday with games starting at 6 p.m. (Dinner at 4 p.m. - Cashier opens at 3:30 p.m.). Come out for a night of fun, excitement and awesome prizes. New hand held computers are available.

Drama classes

The community center proudly announces its newest drama class: S.T.A.R.S. (Singers, Thespians and Rising Stars). Children ages 7 to 16 are invited to sign up for performing arts classes at the community center. There are two different class types, musical theater classes and karaoke classes. All classes will start in September. Call the community center at 449-3354 for more information.

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ed and all ECHO benefits will end. Beneficiaries who received ECHO benefits during their provisional status will not have to repay the government for services received.

Once registered in ECHO, sponsors do not have to re-register at the new duty assignment. Their ECHO status will automatically transfer to the new region.

Benefits

- The following benefits may be offered through ECHO:
- Medical and rehabilitative services
 - Training to use assistive technology devices
 - Special education
 - Institutional care when a residential environment is required
 - Transportation under certain circumstances
 - 16 hours of in-home respite care services per month if the beneficiary is receiving another ECHO benefit

Cost Shares

Sponsors will pay part of the monthly authorized ECHO expenses for their family members based on their pay grade.

ECHO Cost-Shares	
Sponsor Pay Grade	
Monthly Cost-Share	
E-1 through E-5	\$25.00
E-6	\$30.00
E-7 and O -1	\$35.00
E-8 and O -2	\$40.00
E-9, WO/WO-1, CWO-2 and O-3	\$45.00
CWO-3, CWO-4 and O-4	\$50.00
CWO-5, O-5	\$65.00
O-6	\$75.00
O-7	\$100.00
O-8	\$150.00
O-9	\$200.00
O-10	\$250.00

After the monthly cost share is paid, Tricare will pay up to \$2,500 per month for authorized ECHO benefits, except for the EHHC benefit. If the cost exceeds \$2,500 in any month, the sponsor is responsible for the additional costs.

If two or more persons with the same sponsor receive benefits under ECHO, the sponsor will pay only one monthly cost share and Tricare will pay up to \$2,500 for each ECHO-eligible beneficiary, except for the EHHC benefit. If the costs exceed \$2,500 for any individual in any month, the sponsor is responsible for additional costs.

Special Requirements

Beneficiaries must use public funds or programs first to the extent they are available and adequate for ECHO benefits related to training, rehabilitation, special education, assistive technology devices and institutional care in private, non-profit, public, and state institutions or other medical facilities and if appropriate, transportation to and from such institutions and facilities.

Resources

For more information about ECHO benefits, eligibility requirements, updates and EFMP registration, beneficiaries may visit www.tricare.osd.mil/echo or call their regional contractor: North Region (1-877-874-2293); South Region (1-800-444-5445); or West Region (1-800-874-9378). Overseas beneficiaries may call 1-888-777-8343.

(Information courtesy of Tricare.)

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include GOVT 325 - International Studies, and SCTY 385 - Intelligence Analysis, Writing and Briefing. The Fall term schedule of undergraduate and graduate classes is now available and registration starts Aug. 31. Embry-Riddle is located in Room 117 of Hangar 2. Stop by to discuss educational goals with an Embry-Riddle representative.

IDEA 2004 workshop – The South District Community Children’s Council is holding a workshop Wednesday at the Moanalua High School on IDEA 2004 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information contact the council at 586-5363.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving – The Hickam Airmen Against Drunk Driving is a program designed to save lives and careers. Call 449-RIDE (7433) or 449-LIFT (5438) if in need of a designated driver.

AADD can always use volunteers. As a volunteer, drivers will be required to be on-call from 6 p.m. Friday through 6 a.m. Sunday. Volunteer drivers must pick up the caller and his party from his stated location and drive the person to his place of residence only.

AADD on-line survey – Complete the survey at the following link to help better this program. Sign into the

AF Portal, and be redirected automatically to the AADD website. <https://rso.my.af.mil/afknprod/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=OO-OT-PC-01>.

Any questions concerning the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program or to volunteer, contact Airman 1st Class Tara Newcomb at 448-2115 or Airman 1st Class Darin Stout at 449-5916 or via email in the global.

Joint Spouses’ Conference – The all services and rank 2005 Joint Spouses’ Conference is Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Schofield Barracks Banquet and Conference Center.

Registration runs Monday through Sept. 16. For more

information and registration forms visit: www.jointspousesconference.com

Special Olympics needs volunteers – Special Olympics Hawaii needs volunteers for the 2005 Cop On Top Law Enforcement Fundraiser Sept., 1 to 3 at Various Safeway Stores Rooftops. Volunteers are needed to create excitement and collect money on the ground, while the cops are on top.

Come out and support the law enforcement officers of the military, Department of Defense, Honolulu Police Department, and Sheriffs. Officers will take to the rooftops of 12 Safeway Stores with a commitment

to remain up on the roofs for three consecutive days to raise money for Special Olympics Hawaii. Contact Cindy at 943-8808, ext. 27 or email volunteers@specialolympicshawaii.org.

NCO Academy graduation - The Hickam PME Center cordially invites Team Hickam to a celebration recognizing NCO Academy Class 05-3 on the occasion of their graduation. The diploma and awards ceremony will be held Aug. 31, at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club starting at 10:30 a.m. Military dress is uniform of the day. Come out and help honor this Air Force career milestone.